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Your Attorney General

The Questions

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	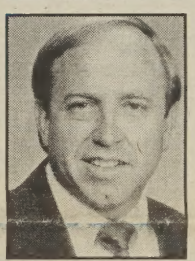 46; Public prosecutor, 11½ years; former District Attorney for 4th Judicial District; B.A. magna cum laude/U. of Notre Dame; J.D./U. of CO; **Member:** El Paso and CO Bar Assns., St. Paul's Catholic Church, Center for Prevention of Domestic Violence Board, Chair of Community Connected with Kids; **Awards:** Outstanding Public Service, Pike's Peak Care Coalition, 1992; Exemplar Award for Community Service, U. of Notre Dame, 1997; Wheel Cover Award for contributions to public safety, Drive Smart CO Springs, 1996	 43; Attorney, 14 yrs.; Governor's chief legal counsel 1987-1990; Executive Director, CO Dept. of Natural Resources 1990-1994; B.A./ Colorado College; J.D./U. of Michigan Law; **Member:** CO, Denver Bar Assns.; Volunteer: Rio Grande River Compact Commission, KUVO, U. of CO Natural Resources Law Center Advisory Board; **Endorsements:** *The Denver Post; The Rocky Mountain News; The Pueblo Chieftain; The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel;* Rocky Mountain Farmers Union; CO Assn. of School Executives; CO Education Assn.; AFL-CIO; NARAL; CO Assn. of Realtors; CO Assn. of Public Employees
1. How do you distinguish yourself, if at all, from your opponent on the following issues? ● *prosecution of tobacco manufacturers;* ● *enforcement of environmental regulations;* ● *capitol punishment.*	● As Attorney General, I will seek to hold tobacco companies responsible for violations of anti-trust and consumer-protection laws of Colorado. Issues of taxation and public health policy should be left with legislature. ● I will strictly enforce environmental regulations of Colorado. My opponent's failure to properly regulate Summitville mine, as head of Dept. of Natural Resources, led to the worst environmental disaster in Colorado history. ● The death penalty is part of the law of CO and as Attorney General, I will provide resources to local prosecutors.	● I will pursue the lawsuit against tobacco companies if it has not yet been settled. If settlement is an option, settlement money ought to be used to improve health care for our kids and to prevent teens from starting to smoke. A trust fund should be created to ensure these moneys are spent on their intended purpose. ● The job should be to enforce the law evenly and without prejudice. If environmental regulations are being violated, I would be bound to enforce or advise their enforcement. Protection of our natural resources and heritage is not only the right thing to do from an environmental standpoint, but is also just plain good economic sense. ● I support the death penalty for heinous crimes.
2. Is it a violation of the First Amendment and/or State Constitution to fund religious education with tax revenue? Please explain.	Yes. It would be a violation of the establishment clauses of the First Amendment and the CO Constitution for government to fund religious education with tax revenues. Tax credits or vouchers which are religion neutral and can be used for any non-public education, may pass constitutional muster.	I believe that direct public financing of religious education such as through vouchers and tax credits raises a very serious First Amendment problem. However, when the issue goes beyond these direct public financing methods, the issue becomes less clear. For example, I do not believe the tax-exempt status of religious institutions constitutes a violation of the First Amendment, nor do student loan guarantees. Arguably these involve tax revenue, but I do not believe their use rises to the level to where they violate either the letter or the spirit of the Constitution.

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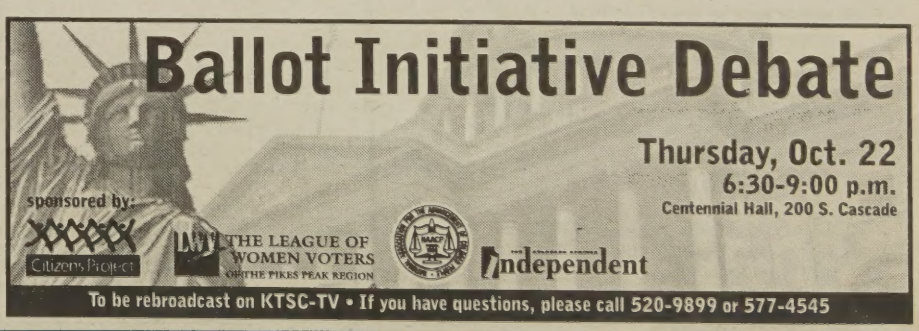
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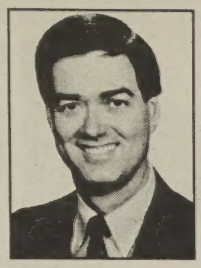
Your Governor

The Questions

Bill Owens

REPUBLICAN



State Treasurer, 1994-present, State Senator 1989-1994, State Rep. 1983-1989; B.A./ Austin State U., M.A./ LBJ School of Gov't/ U. of Texas; **Endorsements:** Not yet compiled

Gail Schoettler

DEMOCRAT

54; Lieutenant Governor of CO; Women's Bank organizer; Douglas County Board of Education, 8 years; CO State Treasurer, two terms; B.A./Stanford University, M.A./Ph.D/U. of California; Trustee: Public Employees Retirement Assn.; **Member:** Mi Casa Women's Resource Center, International Women's Forum, Board of Trustees of the U. of Northern CO; **Endorsements:** AFL-CIO, CO Education Assn., CO Assn. of Public Employees, Women's Campaign Fund, National Women's Political Caucus, Sierra Club, Clean Water Action, NARAL, Nat'l Assn. of Social Workers, NOW, Pueblo Democratic Chicano Caucus, CO Assn. for Public Employees.

1. Name three specific projects you support to address Colorado's rapid growth.

Mr. Owens did not respond to our survey.

With an extraordinary environment and robust economy, the challenge is to manage growth, protect our environment, and maintain a strong economy. To protect this balance, I support appropriate mechanisms to make growth pay its own way, local planning for open space preservation, and an aggressive plan to address growth-related transportation problems, including light rail and other transit alternatives where appropriate.

2. Should state lottery funds, currently being used to fund acquisition of parks and open space, be reallocated to fund child care and/or K-12 education?

I would oppose efforts to reallocate state lottery funds for use other than parks and open space.

3. Current gun control regulations should be:
(A) Increased; (B) Decreased; (C) Remain the same.

While I support the right to bear arms, we must set up efficient methods to issue concealed-weapons permits. I support a statewide standard that allows permits to individuals who demonstrate a legitimate need, and have not been convicted of a felony, committed spousal abuse, or have a history of substance abuse.

4. Do you support the following ballot measures?

- #11 *Partial birth abortion ban* — No
- #12 *Two-parent notification and waiting-period requirement for abortion* — No
- #13 *Prohibition of regulation targeting specific livestock industries* — No
- #14 *Environmental regulations on commercial swine operations* — Yes
- #15 *Meter requirements for certain individual wells in the San Luis Valley* — No
- #16 *Retroactive tax on San Luis Valley residents for water pumped from public lands* — No
- #17 *Private school tax credits* — No
- rB *Referendum B — Allowing the state to retain the first $200 million of the budget surplus* — Yes

5. Should the state provide additional health care for the uninsured and/or underinsured in Colorado?

As Governor I will work to fully fund the Children's Basic Health Plan. It is imperative we provide all Coloradans access to basic care.

6. Would you preserve, modify, or eliminate affirmative action programs? If you support modification, how would you change current policy?

I support affirmative action programs. However, we must rework our affirmative action programs to comply with the latest Supreme Court guidelines. When I finished college, there were limited professional opportunities for women. Through the national dialogue on affirmative action, the environment began to change, which undoubtedly opened doors that will hopefully allow me to become the first woman to serve as Governor of Colorado.

7. Should administrators' and teachers' right to lead religious activities in public schools be expanded?

I do not support prayer in schools.

8. Should gays and lesbians be allowed to have:
(A) health benefits for their partner through their employers;
(B) the same hospital visitation rights as spouses;
(C) legal protection against job discrimination;
(D) the right to marry;
(E) the right to adopt children and/or care for foster children?

(A) Yes (B) Yes (C) Yes (D) No (E) Yes

Homosexuals regularly experience discrimination in housing, employment, and other aspects of their lives. Existing laws should be extended to include sexual orientation. I also support the inclusion of sexual orientation in existing hate-crime laws. Hate crimes have no place in civilized society.

9. What will be your top three priorities?

Education is my highest priority. I will fight for smaller class sizes in kindergarten through 3rd grade, holding schools accountable for academic standards and safe schools. Next, protecting the balance between the environment and a strong economy by improving highways and transit, preserving open space, assuring affordable housing and clean air and water.

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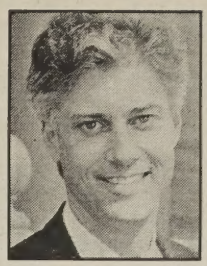
Your State Treasurer

The Questions

Jim Polsfut

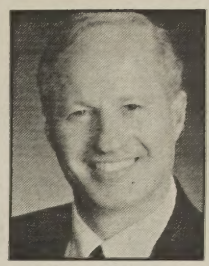
DEMOCRAT



39; Financial Services Manager, GE Capitol; B.A./Harvard U.; M.B.A./Stanford Business School; Chairman, CO Coordinating Council on Housing and the Homeless; **Board Member:** Mi Casa Resource Center for Women, UrbanPeak shelter for homeless and runaway youth, Social Science Foundation of the U. of Denver; **Member:** Montview Presbyterian Church, Harvard Alumni Assn., IPODERAC Orphanage in Atlixco, Mexico; **Endorsements:** *Denver Post*, CO Credit Union League, CO Education Assn., NARAL, CO Assn. for Public Employees

Mike Coffman

REPUBLICAN



43; State Senator; appointed to Bill Owens' office, 1994-present; Chair, Senate Finance Committee; State Rep. 1988-1994; B.A./U. of CO; "Senior Executive Program for State & Local Gov't.", Harvard U.; President, CO Property Management Group, Inc.; U.S. military service, retired; **Member:** Aurora Chamber of Commerce, South Metro Chamber of Commerce, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, The Retired Officers' Assn., CO Contractors Assn., CO Assn. of Realtors; **Awards:** "Taxpayer Champion" '97-'98, "Guardian of Small Business" '89-'98; As State Senator 93% approval rating from CO Union of Taxpayers

1. How would you improve the investment of state funds?

The Colorado State Treasurer now manages a portfolio of $4 billion, and he or she now does so with increased authority to invest in a much wider array of complicated instruments. Now more than ever Colorado's next State Treasurer needs to be someone with extensive financial experience.

My entire professional background has been in banking and financial services — most recently for GE Capital. To manage the state's investments well, I'll put my financial expertise to use so that the security of the portfolio is protected, the liquidity needs of the state are met, and a sound investment return is achieved.

I would continue, and build upon, the same sound conservative investment policies that Bill Owens has used — always stressing investment legality, safety, liquidity, and yield.

The two most important issues facing the Dept. of the Treasury are insuring the safety of the taxpayers' money and maximizing investment returns at a time of rapidly changing financial markets. As the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, I have worked closely with our current state treasurer to reform Colorado's public investment statutes and strengthen the Treasurer's ability to achieve higher yields when investing tax dollars. As treasurer, I will carry forward with my commitment to invest state money responsibility with safety and liquidity as priorities.

2. Do you have specific concerns about current state investments?

Disclosure in the treasurer's office must be improved. Most of the daily portfolio information presented in the web page of the Colorado Treasury has not been updated since November of 1997. Strategic direction in the treasurer's office must be improved, as well. A performance audit of the Colorado Treasury has not been undertaken since the end of 1994.

Preparing thorough disclosure and analyzing carefully a performance audit will help ensure that the investments the state makes are prudent and practical. As Colorado's next state Treasurer, I will see to it that my professional financial background is used to maximize the balance between portfolio security and yield on behalf of Colorado taxpayers.

As Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, I have had oversight responsibilities for the Dept. of the Treasury. I am convinced that the current investments are very appropriate for Colorado taxpayers' dollars. Bill Owens has realized strong returns and never taken a loss.

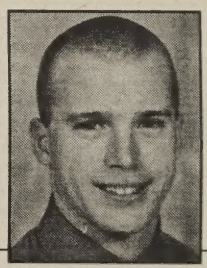
My concern is with those who promise to increase return on investments beyond the current high levels. Colorado should not unnecessarily increase the investment risk in the portfolios. As Orange County, California, experienced, increasing yield through the use of risky securities and derivatives can lead to catastrophic losses. As State Treasurer, I will not forget that the state's funds are made up of taxpayer dollars and I will always safeguard the security of those funds.

Your D-05 County Commissoner

The Questions

Jeremiah Johnson

DEMOCRAT



20; Campaign volunteer; Junior at UCCS; Supports: AFL-CIO, Citizens Against Political Enterprise, Committee for Responsible County Government; **Endorsements:** Pikes Peak AFL-CIO, African American Voice Newspaper

Ed Jones

INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN

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57; County Commissioner D5, 1994-present; Realtor; 4 years at Southern U.; Member: American Red Cross, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, NAACP; **Endorsements:** Pikes Peak Association of Realtors, CO Springs Chamber of Commerce, Housing and Building Assn. of CO Springs

1. Do you support privatizing prison and community correction operations?

Yes. If, and only if, the community corrections provider continuously meets or exceeds state and county standards and is a not-for-profit organization. Based on my tour of the facilities at ComCor, I am confident that these goals are being met. However, I seriously question the validity and necessity of a second provider who offers less service and is a for-profit organization.

No. At this time I oppose privatizing prison and community-correction operations because the liability lies with the county. I am, however, always open to new ideas and the possibilities of public-private partnering in areas where it is feasible.

2. Should County Commissioners make decisions regarding health department programs and services?

No. The responsibilities of the BoCC concerning the health department, begins and ends with their appointments to the Board of Health. Any input outside of this should be in an advisory role *only*. I also firmly believe that the BoCC has an informal responsibility to *always* have an MD on the Board of Health.

Yes. As long as the county commissioner is responsible for 33-36% of the health department budget, I believe that we must be aware of where and how the budget is spent. I do acknowledge that the health department has its own board and that they are autonomous, and I respect that.

3. Should the county welfare program support: (A) child care; (B) reducing the 5-year lifetime cap; (C) children born while parents are on welfare?

(A) Yes (B) No (C) Yes

One of the biggest challenges for single women on welfare is finding affordable child care in order for them to go back to work. If our county social services department's goal is to make welfare recipients financially independent, then services such as affordable child care must be made available.

(A) Yes

(B) No. The 5-year lifetime cap was a federal mandate.

(C) Yes. Children born to welfare parents are covered.

4. Do you favor: (A) managing growth; or (B) allowing the free market to determine our growth patterns?

(A) The county needs to promote responsible land development and growth in a manner that is fair to developers and taxpayers alike. Developers should not be required to pay for all of the capital improvements and new growth demands, but the taxpayers should not have to shoulder all of the burden for new schools, roads, parks, and county services made necessary by this new development. A balance can be found that will be fair to both sides.

(B) While I support planned and managed growth, growth is determined by the free market. CO Springs is a great place to live and work; people will move here. We must, however, work to maintain the quality of life that we now enjoy.

5. Do you support further relaxation of concealed weapons regulations?

No. First of all, I am a firm believer in our constitutional right to bear arms. One of the main arguments for concealed weapon permits is that applicants are put through background checks and other measures that will prevent unstable and criminally inclined people from legally carrying weapons. As we relax these requirements further, chances of the wrong person receiving a permit become greater.

No. While I do support the second amendment, I do not upport easing the current regulations that keep criminals, etc. from obtaining a license to carry a concealed weapon.

United States Congress

The Questions

U.S. Senator

Dottie Lamm

DEMOCRAT

61; Social Worker, Columnist for the *Denver Post*, B.A./Occidental College, Masters in Social Work/U. of Denver; **Board Member:** Nat'l Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, Center for Population and Development activities; Founder/First president: Women's Foundation of CO; **Member:** CO Author's League, CO Women's forum, Denver Women's Press Club; **Endorsements:** CO Education Association, Council for a Livable World, AFL-CIO, National Association of Social Workers, Emily's List, Women's Campaign Fund, NARAL, NOW, League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

1. Would you work to reform the social security system? If so, how?

We need to ensure that the Social Security system remains solvent beyond the baby-boom generation by: ❶ Taking the Social Security trust fund off-budget; ❷ Using projected budget surpluses to shore up Social Security and reduce the national debt; ❸ Allow experimenting with younger workers directing the investment of a small fraction of their FICA taxes into personal investment accounts.

2. In regards to tobacco regulation, do you support: Ⓐ increasing the cigarette sales tax; Ⓑ banning cigarette billboard ads; Ⓒ increasing penalties selling cigarettes to minors?

Raising the price of a pack of cigarettes by $1.10 would reduce teen smoking by half over the next five years. I will vote for such an increase and fight to apply the money raised to reducing the national debt.

3. How would you address abortion legislatively?

I have been a pro-choice advocate for decades, and I fully support *Roe v. Wade*. I do not believe that any one procedure, such as the so-called "partial-birth abortion," should be singled out for government regulation. I oppose all third-trimester abortions except when it is necessary to save the life or health of the mother.

4. Do you support the use of tax-supported school vouchers to pay for private and religious school tuition?

I oppose vouchers and oppose measures which divert public tax dollars to parochial and religious schools. Parents who choose to keep their children in public schools get no benefit whatsoever from vouchers. We should be investing in our public schools to make them better, because it will never be the case where all of Colorado's children can attend private schools.

5. Would you preserve, modify, or eliminate affirmative action programs? If you support modification, how would you change current policy?

Affirmative action has helped unleash the creative potential of so many members of our society whose skills were previously untapped. I believe that if the courts do away with it, something else must be put in its place to ensure access for women and minorities. I oppose numerical "quotas" because affirmative action was never intended to be about numerical "quotas."

6. Should gays and lesbians be allowed to have:
Ⓐ health benefits for their partner through their employers;
Ⓑ the same hospital visitation rights as spouses;
Ⓒ legal protection against job discrimination;
Ⓓ the right to marry;
Ⓔ the right to adopt children and/or care for foster children?

I will co-sponsor and vote for the Employment Nondiscrimination Act, which seeks to stop discrimination against gays and lesbians in the workplace. I support full partner benefits for committed gay and lesbian relationships, as well as visitation rights.

7. What will be your top three legislative priorities?

❶ Reducing class size and improving our dilapidated schools;
❷ Protecting patients enrolled in HMOs;
❸ Passing campaign finance reform.

To achieve these goals I will support the School Modernization Act and incentives to recruit more teachers, the Patients' Bill of Rights, and I will vote the end of the filibuster of the McCain-Feingold bill.

Ben Nighthorse Campbell

INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN

U.S. Senator 1992 to present; US Representative, 6 years; Chairman, Indian Affairs Committee; Member: Senate Appropriations Committee, Energy and Natural Resources, Veterans Affairs; Korean War Veteran; Campaign Literature states: "Campbell voted to ban partial-birth abortions." "Campbell supports a bill that requires 95% of federal education funding to be spent in the classroom..."; **Endorsements:** Republican members of the CO Congressional Delegation, Senator Hank Brown, Nat'l. Assn. of Police Officers; 10% approval rating from NAACP, 0% approval rating from Human Rights Committee

Sen. Nighthorse Campbell did not respond to our survey.

U.S. House Representative CD-05

Ken Alford

DEMOCRAT

51; Associate Degree/Pikes Peak Community College; some classes/U. of CO, CO Springs; Vietnam Vet.; **Endorsements:** U.S. Term Limits of Washington DC, AFL-CIO

Yes. This will be my top legislative priority at the national level. I will fight the efforts to "privatize" the Social Security Trust Fund. Since our budget would be in the red by $90 billion this year — if not for the Trust Fund — I will fight to restore the funds back to Social Security. Also, we can rescue the Trust Fund for many decades by small changes in cost-of-living allowances and raising the ceiling for FICA taxes.

Ⓐ No Ⓑ No Ⓒ Yes I am very concerned with the loss of life due to smoking, but I am equally concerned with our loss of liberty and threats to our Constitution. However, if laws are legally adopted, then they should be strictly adhered to — with penalties as justified by law.

Personally, I do not think abortion should be in the legislative arena at all. I believe it is the right of the woman involved and her doctor to make that decision — not legislators with an agenda. If we were to pass legislation tomorrow to outlaw abortion, abortions would not cease — only safe abortions would cease. The so called "Pro-Life" side would in effect choose for more young women to die, rather than the fetus.

No. When these tax credits are given to private schools, it will either be taken from the public schools or from the taxpayers. It will probably translate to a tax increase for CO taxpayers so the parents of children in private education can have a tax break. I do not see a great influx of public school students into private education, simply because most of them cannot afford it — even with the tax credits.

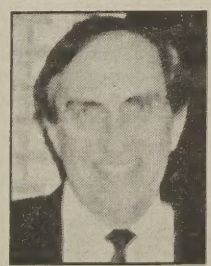
I would tend to support preserving affirmative action programs, but I believe they should evolve more toward class needs, rather than race or sex. I would support changes in that direction. If we have to ask whether or not we need it, then we probably do. When we no longer think about it, then we probably don't.

Ⓐ **Yes.** As for health benefits, are heterosexual couples (not married) permitted to have insurance through their employers? If so, why should gays and lesbians be treated any differently?
Ⓑ **Yes** Ⓒ **Yes**
Ⓓ **No.** I personally do not have a problem with "marriage" between "gays or lesbians," but I do not believe our society is ready to accept it.
Ⓔ **Yes**

❶ Preserving Social Security for future retirees;
❷ Preserving public education as a cornerstone of our democracy;
❸ Preserving the environment by managing growth in a smart and efficient manner.

Joel Hefley

INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN



Member: House Nat'l Security and Resources, Small Business Committees; **Supported by:** U.S. Chamber of Commerce, CO Springs Chamber of Commerce, National Taxpayers' Union, Watchdogs of the Treasury, Christian Coalition, American Farm Bureau Assn., 60-Plus Assn., Nat'l Foundation for Independent Business; 0% approval rating from NAACP

Rep. Hefley did not respond to our survey.

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Your D-11 State Senate

The Questions

Mary Ellen Epps

INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN

63; State Rep., 1986-present; Chair, Health, Environment, Welfare, and Institutions; former business owner B.S./ CCU; Member: Faith Lutheran Church, American Legion Aux. Post 38, Disabled American Veterans; Volunteer: Fountain Valley Lions; **Endorsements:** Chamber of Commerce, CO Assn. of Business and Industry, NRA, CO Medical Society; Legislative Awards: Library Assn., American Legion, Dental Hygienists, American legislative Exchange Council for Work in Criminal Justice, National Federation for Independent Business; 85% approval rating from CO Taxpayers Union

Daphne Greenwood

DEMOCRAT

49; Associate Professor of Economics/ UCCS; State Rep. HD-17, 1991-1994; Honors Professor, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; B.A./ Northern Illinois U., M.A./ U. of Houston, Ph.D./ U. of Oklahoma; Member:: Friends of the Peak, Lowell School Community Redevelopment Group, Committee for Responsible County Government; **Endorsements:** CO Education Assn., CO Assn. of Public Employees, AFL-CIO, Pro-Choice Coalition, 87% approval rating from CO Senior Lobby, Over 70% approval ratings from many environmental coalitions

1. Name three specific projects you support to address Colorado's rapid growth.	❶ Add additional traffic lanes and safety improvements on I-25; ❷ Complete Powers Blvd. as an eastern (north-south) alternative route; ❸ School construction and infrastructure needs.	❶ Improve transportation infrastructure, including completion of the Hwy. 24 bypass, a loop around the city, and alternative modes of transportation; ❷ Maintain the rights of local communities to control their own development; ❸ Purchase open space to form greenbelts in critical areas.
2. Should state lottery funds, currently being used to fund acquisition of parks and open space, be reallocated to fund child care and/or K-12 education?	Would consider a specific bill, however would not commit to vote for such legislation.	No.
3. Current gun control regulations should be: ❶ *Increased;* ❷ *Decreased;* ❸ *Remain the same.*	❷ Support the law-abiding citizen's right to own a gun and to carry concealed.	❸ Remain the same.
4. Do you support the following ballot measures?		
#11 *Partial birth abortion ban*	#11 Yes	#11 No
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rB *Referendum B — Allowing the state to retain the first $200 million of the budget surplus*	rB No	rB Yes
5. Should the state provide additional health care for the uninsured and/or underinsured in Colorado?	My vote last session was 'yes' for the Children's Health Care Plan to provide health insurance for the uninsured and underinsured children.	Yes.
6. Would you preserve, modify, or eliminate affirmative action programs? If you support modification, how would you change current policy?	I believe in equal opportunity and *strongly oppose* discrimination against the minority community.	Affirmative action should be preserved but modified. It should not be administered as quotas, and has been in some cases. Instead, it should be a positive outreach to underrepresented groups, including those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds of all races and genders.
7. Should administrator's and teacher's right to lead religious activities in public schools be expanded?	Would depend on the specific activity.	No.
8. Should gays and lesbians be allowed to have: ❶ *health benefits for their partner through their employers* ❷ *the same hospital visitation rights as spouses* ❸ *legal protection against job discrimination* ❹ *the right to marry* ❺ *the right to adopt children and/or care for foster children?*	❶ No ❷ Yes ❸ Religious organizations that oppose alternative lifestyles should not be compelled by government to provide employment. ❹ No ❺ No	❶ Yes ❷ Yes ❸ Yes ❹ No ❺ Yes
9. ❶ *What will be your top three priorities?* ❷ *What legislative committees are you interested in joining?*	❶ Health care. Criminal Justice. State Tax. ❷ Health, Environment, Welfare and Institutions, Appropriations, Judiciary.	❶ Investing in all our children — health, education, and protection from abuse. Ensuring that high quality education is accessible to all Coloradans. Protecting CO's environment and quality of life. ❷ Finance, Education, Health.

Citizens Project

Your State House

The Questions

★ DISTRICT 16 ★

William D. Sinclair
INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN

73; State Rep. 1996-present; Fundraising consultant; B.A./Saint Martin's College; Graduate work in Finance and Administration/ Emory U.; **Member:** Air Force Assn., Republican Men's Club, Pikes Peak Center Board; Volunteer: Chins Up CO Springs, **Endorsements:** CO Springs Chamber of Commerce, CO Contractors Assn., Independent Electrical Contractors, Pikes Peak Assn. of Realtors, Housing and Building Assn., CO Public Affairs Council, CO Council of Commerce & Industry; Awards: Business Legislator of the year, 1997, 1998; Guardian of Small Business, 1998; Scored 63% approval rating by CO Taxpayers Union

A. Mark Entrekin
DEMOCRAT

40; Senior Systems Engineer at MCI; Governor's Task Force on Family Issues, Chair, Recodification of CO's Children's Code, Joint Custody Subcommittee; B.S.,Business Information Systems/ U. of Phoenix; CO Coordinator, Children's Rights Council; President, Best Parent is Both Parents, Inc.; Volunteer counselor for parents going through separation, custody, and other divorce issues. **Endorsements:** AFL/CIO

★ DISTRICT 18

Ben W. Miller
DEMOCRAT

51; Chief Engineer at Software and Database Maintenance Defense; B.A. Mathematics and Economics/Austin College, M.S. and Ph.D. Mathematics/NYU; U.S. Naval Reserve officer; **Member:** Navy League of the U.S., NAACP, National Reserve Assn., American Legion Post 209, Faith Presbyterian Church; Volunteer: Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps — a nonprofit youth program for ages 11 to 17; Boy Scout leader; **Endorsements:** AFL-CIO, National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL)

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1. Name three specific projects you support to address Colorado's rapid growth.

(1) Increased funding for transportation and highways;
(2) Expand educational facilities — more classrooms and programs to match;
(3) Expand the number of State Highway Patrol officers significantly!

(1) Transportation — New/upgraded/ widened roads and highways;
(2) Build light rail from Ft. Collins to Pueblo, and Denver to Grand Junction;
(3) Open Space — We need to maintain as much as possible without going to extremes.

(1) Fund K-12 education to account for student population growth;
(2) Invest in highway improvements to handle the additional traffic;
(3) Allow local governments to plan and regulate growth without excessive interference from the state.

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2. Should state lottery funds, currently being used to fund acquisition of parks and open space, be reallocated to fund child care and/or K-12 education?

Yes. For K-12 education only.

No. We need to stand behind our word. If we allocate money to a specific task, it needs to be maintained for that task until completion or a disaster occurs.

The state should fully fund K-12 education for student population growth and for inflation. It is not necessary to reallocate lottery funds for this purpose.

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3. Current gun control regulations should be:
(A) Increased;
(B) Decreased;
(C) Remain the same.

(B) I strongly approve of the gun permits/concealed weapons program of El Paso County's Sheriff Anderson.

(C) Gun control is on the right track. Law-abiding citizens should be allowed to have guns, non-law-abiding should not. Concealed weapons in most but not all places.

(C) People should be able to keep and bear arms for hunting and self-defense. However, individuals do not need assault weapons. Concealed weapons permits should remain under local control; the State should not impose a uniform solution on all counties.

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4. Do you support the following ballot measures?

#11 Partial birth abortion ban
#12 Two parent notification and waiting period requirement for abortion
#13 Prohibition of regulation targeting specific livestock industries
#14 Environmental regulations on commercial swine operations
#15 Meter requirements for certain individual wells in the San Luis Valley
#16 Retroactive tax on San Luis Valley residents for water pumped from public lands
#17 Private school tax credits
rB Referendum B — Allowing the state to retain the first $200 million of the budget surplus

#11 Yes **#15** Undecided
#12 Yes **#16** Undecided
#13 Undecided **#17** Yes
#14 Yes **rB** No

#11 No **#15** No response
#12 Yes **#16** No response
#13 No **#17** No
#14 No response **rB** Yes

#11 No
#12 No. Personal reproductive decisions should be made by the woman and her physician — not by the state.
#13 No **#14** No **#15** No
#16 No **#17** No **rB** Yes

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5. Should the state provide additional health care for the uninsured and/or underinsured in Colorado?

No. Adequate programs are in place. The problem is in funding.

No. Funding should be provided for children of low-income families so the children have adequate health care.

Yes. The state should provide transitional health care for people leaving welfare in order to provide positive incentives for people to take jobs.

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6. Would you preserve, modify, or eliminate affirmative action programs? If you support modification, how would you change current policy?

I would eliminate affirmative action programs. They were useful for the past decades for minorities, but are now outdated, and indeed, are discriminatory. We are moving into a new era.

Eliminate all affirmative action that is based on quotas. All forms of prejudice should be punished through fines or sanctions.

Colorado should expand programs to remove barriers to equal competition for jobs and contracts. Recruiting and training should be targeted to underrepresented groups. However, the program should not include quotas or reverse discrimination.

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7. Should administrator's and teacher's right to lead religious activities in public schools be expanded?

No. I believe in religious expression in schools, but I do not believe teachers should "lead" religious activities.

No. Administrator's and teacher's right toward any and all religious activity should go no further than silent prayer.

No. Administrators and teachers should not be able to impose their religious beliefs on students. Students have the right to pray privately and to organize student-led religious groups to meet outside the classroom.

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8. Should gays and lesbians be allowed to have:
(A) health benefits for their partner through their employers;
(B) the same hospital visitation rights as spouses;
(C) legal protection against job discrimination;
(D) the right to marry;
(E) the right to adopt children and/or care for foster children?

(A) No **(B)** Yes **(C)** No **(D)** No **(E)** No

(A) Up to the provider. Health benefits should be up to the employer and insurance provider. This is not an issue for government interference but open to the free market. I do not oppose two of the same sex making a bond or contract of their own.
(B) Yes **(C)** Yes **(D)** No **(E)** Yes

(A) Yes **(B)** Yes **(C)** Yes **(D)** Yes **(E)** Yes
The state should support committed monogamous relationships. Morality is a matter for the individual and his or her God — not for the state. Gays and lesbians should be able to enjoy all of the legal rights — and responsibilities — of marriage.

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9. (A) What will be your top three priorities?
(B) What legislative committees are you interested in joining?

(A) Tax Reform. Improve education: facilities and clas-room results. Transportation infrastructure improvements.
(B) Finance, Education.

(A) Families. Education. Violence.
(B) Education, Finance, Transportation and Energy, Judiciary, Legal Services, Health, Environment, Welfare and Institutions.

(A) Support strong public education. Protect personal privacy against government interference. Allow local governments to plan and regulate growth without excessive state interference.
(B) Education, Military, Veterans, and State affairs.

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DISTRICT 18 ★

Doug Dean

INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN

37; State Rep. 1995-present; Vice-Chairman, Education Committee; small business owner, former Futurecall Marketing and Accounts Manager; Communications and Developmental Psychology/TN Temple U. and U. of TN at Chattanooga; **Member:** NRA, Republican National Committee, CO Tourism Board; **Volunteer:** youth baseball coach, Boy Scouts; **Endorsements:** Home Builders, CO Realtors, CO Ski Country, Hospital Assn., CO Assn. of Commerce and Industry, Assn. of Builders and Contractors; **Award:** "Guardian of Small Business Award," National Federation for Independent Business; 76.5% approval rating from CO Taxpayers Union

1. Continue to make highway funding a top priority;
2. Protect Colorado's water rights;
3. Improve quality of public education and higher education to attract hi-tech business.

K-12, Yes, only for capital construction needs. Child care, No.

B All law-abiding citizens should have the right to carry a concealed weapon.

#11 Yes #15 No

#12 Yes #16 No

#13 Yes #17 Yes

#14 No rB No

No. Current programs are adequate.

Eliminate. We can never be a truly colorblind society as long as affirmative action stands.

Yes. As long as students are not forced to participate. Believe prayer should be student led.

A and B should be left to employer and hospital. State should not be involved. They are private entities.

C No D No E No

A Education reform — privatization. Tax reduction. Transportation.

B Running for majority leader, which means I would not be on a committee. Currently Vice Chairman of Education and member of State, Veterans and Military Affairs.

★ DISTRICT 19 ★

Ray L. "Doc" Trovillion

DEMOCRAT

49; Transportation Industry (semi-retired); El Paso County Commissioner candidate, 1996; Chair: District 2, Precinct 82; Secretary: Precinct 82; college courses at Fresno City College (not completed); **Member:** NRA, ACLU, Sierra Club, People for the American Way, Smithsonian, National Geographic Society; **Endorsements:** AFL-CIO, NARAL

1. Education;
2. Transportation;
3. Infrastructure.

YES!! I would support a constitutional amendment to reallocate lottery funds to K-12 education.

C Remain the same.

#11 No #15 No

#12 No #16 No

#13 No response #17 No

#14 Yes rB Yes

Yes.

I would preserve current Program.

No.

A Yes B Yes C Yes D Yes E Yes

Intolerance, Racism, and Bigotry are NOT Family Values!

A Education. Transportation. Infrastructure.

B Education, Transportation.

Richard D. Decker

INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN

60; 31-year public school teacher; B.A./Adams State College, M.A./Western State College; **Board Member:** Fountain Chamber of Commerce, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments, Urban Area Policy Committee; **Member:** El Paso County Republican Central Committee, Fountain Valley Republican Club, Good Shepherd United Methodist Church; Volunteer: Fountain Valley Dollars for Scholars; **Endorsements:** CO Assn. of Commerce and Industry, CO Home Builders, National Federation of Independent Business, CO Realtors Assn., Chamber of Commerce

1. Many solutions will not require more money but a bold consensus which will allow us to say we made a wrong turn somewhere. The General Assembly should start funding schools for growth plus inflation.
2. I would carry a bill to put another $100 million in highway construction.
3. We need to continue to improve state-supported colleges and university to accommodate our growing population.

No.. A constitutional amendment called "Great Outdoors Colorado" would preclude making changes.

B I favor a plan similar to the permit conceal-carry policy currently in effect here in El Paso County. Each county has the right to decide what their policy on conceal-carry will be under current state law. The only change I would make is to require every county to honor the permits for transportation proposes only.

#11 Yes #15 No

#12 Yes #16 No

#13 No #17 Yes

#14 Yes rB No

No.

Eliminate. I feel decisions should be made "without regard for race, creed, or color" based on an individual's merit and ability. I favor Equal Opportunity Employment/Housing etc. We have made decisions based on race in this country too long already.

Yes. The phrase is and should always be "FREEDOM OF RELIGION" not "FREEDOM FROM RELIGION".

A No B No C No D No E No

A Restore authority to school boards, principals, and classroom teachers. Continue to attack traffic jams with new highway construction. Make decisions designed to draw the family back together.

B Education, Transportation.

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DISTRICT 20

Lynn Hefley

INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN

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Small business owner; B.A., M.A. West Texas State U.; elected by a vacancy committee in 1998 to fill house seat vacated by Doug Lamborn (Lamborn filled State Senator Charlie Duke's seat); wife of US Representative Joel Hefley. Hefley's priorities are to cut taxes, revive the parental notification for abortion bill, reduce government spending, and refund all surplus funds.

Rep. Lynn Hefley did not respond to our survey.

Tina Routhier

DEMOCRAT

58; Retired; precinct leader, house district chair; election judge, member of Democratic Central and Executive Committee; one year at Texas Women's U.; Junior Girl Scout Leader, Brownie Consultant, CCD instructor; **Endorsements:** CO AFL-CIO, Pro Choice PAC, NOW

1. (1) Increased funding for statewide transportation system; (2) State and local growth that includes long-term planning goals; (3) Limit enterprise zones to economically depressed areas.

2. No. I see no reason to vote on this a third time when the voters have already spoken twice. I would rather allocate a portion of the state sales tax.

3. (A) I think the concealed weapons permit should be standardized across the counties in Colorado.

4. #11 No #12 No #13 No #14 Yes #15 No #16 No #17 No rB Yes

5. Yes.

6. I would preserve affirmative action programs. These programs have been of benefit to women and minorities. I do believe that more education of business is needed about affirmative action.

7. No.

8. (A) Yes (B) Yes (C) Yes (D) I am not comfortable with the term "marry" but some type of legalized union is acceptable. (E) Yes

9. (A) Education (K-12). Transportation. Children. (B) Education, Transportation and Energy, Health, Environment, Welfare.

★ DISTRICT 21 ★

Keith C. King

REPUBLICAN

50; Owner, Waterbed Palace; B.S./U. of Southern CO, M.S./Oregon State U.; VP and Treasurer, Cheyenne Mountain School Board 1991-1995; CO Assn. of School Boards Delegate, 1991-1995; President, Cheyenne Mountain Charter Academy 1995-1998; VP, CO League of Charter Schools 1997-1998; **Endorsements:** Former U.S. Senator Bill Armstrong; Gubernatorial candidate Bill Owens; State Rep. Andy McElhany

1. I support the efforts of the legislature to continue improving roads and infrastructure. I will support continued funding of road construction and maintenance to handle the growth of the state.

2. No.

3. I favor a concealed gun law that would standardize the law statewide instead of county by county.

4. Until the Blue Book is published on the ballot measures, I am not taking a position on these issues.

5. I would want to see the program or specific bill before committing support to the idea.

6. I believe affirmative action programs need to be eliminated.

7. I am not sure what religious activities you are referring to in this statement.

8. A marriage is between a male and female. All citizens should enjoy the same rights.

9. (A) Continue to improve public education. Lower taxes and fees. Reduce government regulations. (B) Education, Transportation, Business Affairs and Labor.

Sandra J. Baker

DEMOCRAT

45; Social activist; President/Vice President Tenants Association Hampton Village, National Alliance for HUD Tenants; high school diploma; Licensed nurse practitioner; Military, 1972-1981 (honorable discharge); Member: Democratic Women's Club, Women's League of Voters; Volunteer: Welfare Reform with Welfare clients, Dept. of Human Services; **Endorsements:** AFL-CIO

(1) Re-evaluate overgrowth of infrastructure and underdevelopment; (2) Warranty of habitability; (3) Statewide Auto Insurance.

A portion/percentage.

(C) Remain the same.

#11 No #12 Yes. I am supportive of one-parent notification. #13 No #14 Yes #15 No response #16 No #17 Yes, on a case-by-case basis rB Yes

Yes.

Modify. If the company has it in place and has used it successfully, then it doesn't need to be enforced. However, where companies are still reluctant or have a poor record then we need to concentrate on them.

No.

(A) Yes (B) Yes (C) Yes (D) No response (E) Yes

(A) Welfare Reform (education/training, living wage, child care transportation). Affordable housing. Overgrowth and underdevelopment throughout Colorado. (B) I have to learn which committees affect the most on what I consider important.

★ DISTRICT 22 ★

Marcy Morrison

INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN

63; State Rep., 1992-present; El Paso County Commissioner, 1984-1992; Chair and Member, State Health Board, 1984-1992; Chair D14 School Board; **Member:** League of Women Voters, El Paso County Bar Auxiliary, Temple Shalom, Trails and Open Space Coalition, Mental Health Assn.; **Endorsements:** CO Public Affairs Council, CO Medical Assn., Nat'l Federation of Small Business, Pikes Peak Board of Realtors, CO Springs Chamber of Commerce, CO Assn. of Commerce, CO Public Affairs Council; Award: Colo. Hospice Organization; 58% approval rating from CO Taxpayers Union

1. Strong encouragement to local governments to discuss and plan for growth areas. I was always amazed when I was in local government, the lack of communication that occurred. Specifically, the state should not tell local governments how to handle growth in their area, but the governor on down can bring communities together not just once but on a regular basis to urge regional planning.

2. No. K-12 should be adequately funded by the Colorado general fund. The voters specifically wanted the lottery dollars to be directed to open space and park development. They clearly wanted to remove the burden from general fund dollars for this area.

3. (C) I would prefer to have a statewide concealed-weapon policy in order to have consistency from county to county.

4. #11 No #12 No #13 No #14 Yes #15 No #16 No #17 No rB Yes

5. Yes. When we are considering the population of children under 18, I believe the state needs to increase coverage of this population under new federal and state guidelines. Both the underinsured and uninsured are families or individuals *who are working*. The problem comes down to premium costs to employers and employees. There is no simple solution concerning health care costs.

6. It is difficult to talk about modifications because recent studies continue to prove that both women- and minority-owned businesses in this state receive a tiny percentage of state contracts. I have not seen any modification plans, but I do know that I am not in favor of quotas of any kind.

7. No. Support for separation of church and state is often misunderstood as hostility to religion. In fact, I see the opposite. Religions (including my own - Judaism) have flourished in our country because the government has basically had a hands-off approach to religion .

8. (A) Yes (B) Yes (C) Yes (D) I find it difficult to accept marriage vows between two people of the same sex. However, to discriminate in other areas is wrong. (E) Yes

9. (A) Health care issues (cost, quality, access). Child care (cost, quality, access). Tax policy restructuring statewide is a priority, to deal with surplus revenues and the inequity of our tax structure currently. (B) Health, Welfare Institutions, Judiciary, Legislative Council.

Shawn Yocum-Alford

DEMOCRAT

51; Children's services/Community Health Centers; Treasurer, School District 11 Board of Education,; Northwestern U.; Hospital Corpsman Service School, U.S. Navy; **Member:** CO Assn. of School Boards, American Assn. of Mental Retardation, Northend Homeowners Assn., Committee for Responsible County Gov't.; **Endorsements:** AFL-CIO

(1) Pass Referendum "B" on the ballot to invest $200 million of the budget surplus in roads and schools; (2) Fully fund Colorado school districts for growth and inflation; (3) Build bypass starting at the Air Force Academy and down to Fountain. — We need to alleviate the bottleneck on I-25.

I would want to see and study plans as to how these funds would be reallocated.

(C) Guns need to be kept in safe, secure places — out of the hands of children.

#11 No #12 No #13 No #14 No #15 No #16 No #17 No rB Yes

Yes. Adults who are working and have no insurance — either because it isn't offered or it is offered and they can't afford the premiums — need access to health care. One way is to expand the capacity of local community health centers to provide services. Charge a sliding scale fee based on income. Continuing to use hospital emergency rooms as a safety net is not a solution.

I would modify affirmative action more in the direction of economic need.

No. Religious activities are for churches and homes. Does that mean that no religious activities are allowed in schools? By no means. Students can pray anytime, anywhere they want, to themselves; say grace between meals; they can have Bible studies before or after school; just to name a few.

(A) Yes. If their employer offers such benefits to unmarried heterosexuals who live together. (B) Yes (C) Yes (D) No. I think the cost would outweigh "winning this right." It would be a Pyrrhic victory at best. (E) Yes

(A) Expanding access to health care for the uninsured. Funding our school districts to insure that students receive a quality education. Modifying the revenue and spending limits that are now part of our state constitution — they stifle the ability of communities, school districts, and the state to adequately respond to the growth in our population. (B) Health, Education, Welfare.

The Questions

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